

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Development of Operational, Technical)	WT Docket No. 96-86
and Spectrum Requirements for)	
Meeting Federal, State and Local Public)	
Safety Communications Requirements)	
Through the Year 2010)	
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Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762)	WT Docket No. 06-150
and 777-792 MHz Bands)	
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Former Nextel)	WT Docket No. 06-169
Communications, Inc. Upper)	
700 MHz Guard Band Licenses)	
and Revisions to Part 27 of the)	
Commission's Rules)	
)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Implementing a Nationwide,)	
Broadband, Interoperable)	
Public Safety Network in the)	
700 MHz Band)	

**COMMENTS OF WILLIAM CARTER, CHAIRMAN REGION 54 700 MHZ
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

William Carter, Chairman Region 54 700 MHz Regional Planning
Committee, hereby submits these comments in response to the Commission's
Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned proceedings.

As Chairman of the Region 54 700 MHz committee, I have supported
broadband in the 700 MHz public safety spectrum. However, with the current
FNPRM, local control is lost and it concerns me that the outcome would be out of
our hands. I feel a regional approach for data is the best solution, and control
should be left to the local Regional Planning Committees (RPC) . Local RPCs

should have the ability to elect whether the data spectrum will be split into National Broad Band and Local Wide/Broad Band or all National Broad Band. There is a definite need for a nationwide network and for access to that network. However, we see the need for local high speed data before the nationwide system can be completed. Since 802.11x and 4.9 GHz is not a cost effective solution to provide cost effective and reliable data coverage in rural communities, would require a portion of the spectrum left under local control. Region 54 is in the process of finalizing our 700 MHz plan and there has been a great interest in the wideband data channels. Region 54's position is a shared regional data network that has connectivity into the proposed national network. If there is one license under one control and RPCs were left out of any of the decision process, who then would voice the concerns and needs of the local spectrum users?

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Region 54 700 MHz

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